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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-6</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: JP 6-276057 A (Toshiba Ltd., Toshiba Electronics Co., Ltd.), 30 September 1994, page 2 to page 3, Fig. 2</p> <p>Document 2: JP 5-152902 A (Sharp Corp.), 18 June 1993, page 2 to page 4, Fig. 1</p> <p>The inventions described in claims 1-6 that relate to "an IF count system, that is a count system of an IF counter for counting IF signals with respect to the predetermined interval, characterized in involving an upper limit value preset processing for providing an upper limit of a desired count value as an initial value of count start, an IF count period generation processing for generating a period for counting the IF signals, an IF count processing of a down count system for performing down count corresponding to the IF signal from the initial value set in the upper limit value reset unit within the period generated by the IF count period generation processing, an IF count upper-lower limit value difference preset processing for providing information on the difference between an upper limit value and the lower limit value of the desired count value, a comparison processing for comparing the information on the difference between the IF count upper and lower limit values provided by the IF count upper and lower limit value difference preset processing and the first information based on the count information produced by the IF count processing of the down count system, and an evaluating processing for evaluating whether the count value is within a range of the desired upper limit value and lower limit value from the second information based on the count information obtained with the IF count processing of the down count system and the information on the comparison results obtained with the aforementioned comparison processing" is not described in the documents cited in the ISR and is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.</p>			